



## Public Comment Sheet



**In the Matter of the Application  
for a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit  
for a 115/161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line  
from Chisago Substation to Apple River Substation**

**MPUC Docket Numbers E002,ET3/CN-04-1176 (CN)  
& E002,ET3/TL-06-1677 (Route)**

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Please share your comments on or propose route alternative(s) to Xcel Energy's proposed Chisago County Transmission Project. Your comments will be considered in the development of the scope of the Environmental Assessment that will be conducted on the proposed project.

*Health concerns about Hi Voltage  
Power lines + Leukemia + Brain Cancer*

(Please use reverse side for additional comments.)

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There are three options for submitting comments on this project:

- 1) Submitting comments at the conclusion of tonight's meeting
- 2) emailing comments to [David.Birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:David.Birkholz@state.mn.us)
- 3) Mail this form to the address below

Department of Commerce  
attn: David Birkholz  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

**Comments must be received by March 30, 2007**

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March 29, 2007

TO: Sharon Ferguson  
David Birkholz  
Department of Commerce  
85 - 7<sup>th</sup> Place E., Suite 500  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Chisago County Transmission Project

I am writing to emphasis that since the last attempt of Xcel/NSP to increase the transmission lines in late 1990's my son was diagnosed in 2002 with leukemia. We moved here in 1991,, the home I grew up in, and from all information I read about EMF and exposure to it leukemia in children are primary group to get cancer from EMF, possibly.

As far as I am concerned Minnesota Commerce Department energy division, Public Utilities Commission and any government agency involved should be first and foremost concerned, if there is any doubt about EMF and cancer, that all proper protection be taken to eliminate any increase in increasing EMF in an area heavy populated by children and adults.

Are our governing bodies more concerned that Xcel get electricity into Wisconsin and south of Minnesota at the least expensive way and easiest way for Xcel or are our GOVERNING BODIES who are employed by the taxpayer of Minnesota more concerned with the possible health issues of our children and citizens? Even in the information in the Minnesota Health Department under EMF they express that their is concern for an increase of EMF near children and citizens.

I definitely feel after taking care of my son for 3 ½ years with leukemia and treatment and having to had quit my job that you think seriously before you give permission to Xcel to increase the EMF in the City of Lindstrom and Center City and right next to the Middle School that has 800 children attending everyday 9 months a year.

Respectfully,

Sharon Helgestad  
520 Park Island, Center City  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 36  
Lindstrom, Minnesota 55045



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The EA must address the following socioeconomic impacts of transmission line on tourism:

The EA must address the following socioeconomic impact of transmission line on agriculture:

The EA must address socioeconomic issues related to eminent domain and easements for this transmission, i.e., conditions, whether upgrades are allowed, stream of payment:

The EA must address the following cultural impacts of the transmission line:

The EA must address the following construction impacts, and impacts of maintenance and operation:

The EA must address the following transmission and substation noise issues:

The EA must address the following safety issues:

The EA must address traffic routing and impact issues:

The EA must address the following wetland impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address the following wildlife impact issues in the following areas:

The EA must address land use appropriateness and impact issues, particularly in these areas:

" This is the HOME I WAS RAISED IN, I HAS BEEN IN THE FAMILY SINCE 1950 - till now!  
The EA must address the following health impacts of the transmission line: I MOVED 200ft from lines in Center City when my son was a year old.

The EA must address the following electromagnetic field impacts of the transmission line:

old. The home is the one my parents owned from 1950 on. I was on the OES task force & on other: Center City Council during the last attempt to increase EMF. It was turned down on Xcel/NSF 1st proposal and a year later my son was diagnosed with leukemia! All questionable

Date: health sights refer to leukemia as the 1st health issue with EMF exposure. Signature: Sharon Helgestad

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Sharon Helgestad

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## COMMENT ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Here's a form to guide you in making your Comment for the record. You can hand it in today or you can send it later to the Dept. of Commerce that's preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments must be received by March 13, 2007. Comments may be sent by email to [sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us](mailto:sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us) or by mail:

To: Sharon Ferguson  
Department of Commerce  
85 - 7<sup>th</sup> Place E., Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

AND David Birkholz

If questions: David Birkholz, Dept. of Commerce  
(651) 297-2375 [david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us)

**FOR COMMENTS TO COUNT, THEY MUST BE ABOUT THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, WHAT THE EA MUST ADDRESS.**

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**MY COMMENT REGARDING SCOPE OF CHISAGO EA:**

Generally, the EA should consider: ① A new route or ② underground By  
Lindstrom, Middle School and Center City.  
The EA must address the visual impacts of line in these open/protected spaces:

The EA must address the visual impact of line through these cities at these locations:

Lindstrom, Middle School, Center City.

The EA must address the socioeconomic impact of transmission through these downtown business districts:

Lindstrom, Middle School, Center City.

The EA must address the comparative impact and costs of overhead and underground transmission line in the following locations:

SAME as prior question.

### ALTERNATE ROUTES

The Dept. of Commerce should consider the following alternate routes (provide as detailed description as possible of route and why that route should be considered - attach a map if possible):

Refer to document sent in by our TASK force. See mailing list for Chisago City Transmission Project.

See other side →

Prepared and provided by the City of Lindstrom

For more project info, go to [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) and search eDockets for 04-1176 and 06-1677